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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1-13 (canceled)
- 14. (currently amended) A device for storing, installing, and removing a boat plug comprising:
  - a boat plug;
  - a canister configured to receive the boat plug;
- a canister cap removably coupled to the canister to retain the boat plug within the canister comprising a plug key for installing and removing the boat plug from a drain hole of a watercraft, said canister cap further comprises a key guide to ensure the key engages a desired key slot properly; and
  - a key chain coupled to the canister [[cap]].
- 15. (canceled)
- 16. (currently amended) The invention of claim 14, wherein the boat plug comprises [[a]] said key slot, a key head coupled to a key shaft, a plug body, a collar, a recess, and a base washer.
- 17. (previously presented) The invention of claim 16, wherein the key slot is integral to the key head, the key slot configured to receive a plug key.
- 18. (previously presented) The invention of claim 17, wherein each the collar, the plug body, and the base washer have a plug aperture for receiving the key shaft extending from the collar through the plug body, and to the base washer, such that when the key shaft is rotated, the base washer travels linearly along a center line of the key shaft.

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19. (previously presented) The invention of claim 18, wherein the plug body is a deformable material that expands diameterally to plug a drain hole as the base washer and the collar apply pressure on opposing ends of the plug body and shrinks diametrally when the pressure is reduced.

- 20. (previously presented) The invention of claim 16, wherein the recess is integral to the collar and is configured to receive the key head and limit access to the key slot
- 21. (previously presented) The invention of claim 20, wherein the collar is configured to engage a key guide of the canister cap to align the plug key with the key slot.